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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.  
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This application has been examined  Responsive to communication filed on 4/29/84  This action is made final.  
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), days from the date of this letter.  
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

## Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1.  Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
2.  Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
3.  Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
4.  Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
5.  Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
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## Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1.  Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-30 are pending in the application.  
Of the above, claims \_\_\_\_\_ are withdrawn from consideration.
2.  Claims 14 AND 15 have been cancelled.
3.  Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 18-21, 28, 29, AND 30 are allowed.
4.  Claims 8-13, 16, 17, 25-27 are rejected.
5.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are objected to.
6.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7.  This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8.  Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9.  The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on \_\_\_\_\_. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are  acceptable;  not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).
10.  The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, has (have) been  approved by the examiner;  disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11.  The proposed drawing correction, filed \_\_\_\_\_, has been  approved;  disapproved (see explanation).
12.  Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has  been received  not been received  been filed in parent application, serial no. \_\_\_\_\_; filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
13.  Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14.  Other

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The rejection of claims 8-13,16 and 17 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Wedel in view of Wywailowski et al and the rejection of claims 25 and under 35 USC 103 over Wedel in view of Wywailowski et al and further in view of Skaugen et al made in the office action of 12-23-93 is hereby repeated and made final.

Claims 1,3,5 ,6,18-2 4,28,29 and 30 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicant's arguments filed 4-29-94 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant has stated that the applied references do not pertain to preventing web curling. Contrary to applicants arguments the combination of Wedel as modified by Wywailowski et al is directed providing a uniform moisture profile in the web being dried which acts to counter the tendency of the web to curl. Also since the steam that contacts the web is drawn into the web by the vacuum roller as taught in Wywailowski the moisture profile in the direction of thickness in the web is inherently affected.

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

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1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Bennett whose telephone number is (703) 308-0101.

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